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Serial No. : 09/313,139
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For : REARVIEW VISION SYSTEM WITH INDICIA OF
BACKUP TRAVEL

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 1999. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-111 are indicated in the Office Action as being pending in the application. Applicants submitted a SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT on June 25, 1999, adding claims 112-151. It is apparent from the Office Action that the Examiner did not consider Applicants' SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT when filing the Office Action. Because of the likelihood that the failure to do so was a result of non-receipt by the Examiner of this document, we are enclosing herewith a copy of the SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, including the Certificate of Mailing therefor and the postcard stamped by the Mail Room of the Patent and Trademark Office. Consideration thereof is requested.

Claims 1-111 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of United States Patent No. 5,949,331. Enclosed herewith is a TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION and the associated fee. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement was submitted with this continuation application. The recent Office Action did not include a copy of the Forms PTO-1449 thereof initialed by the

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Examiner. It is requested that the Examiner forward to the undersigned a copy of Forms PTO-1449 initialed by the Examiner.

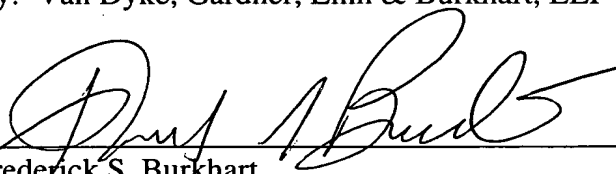
Issuance of a Notice of Allowance indicating allowability of claims 50-151 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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